

A Renowned Agricultural Tradition and Family Destination

When Richard and Laurine Kimmel established their orchard in 1925, it marked the beginning of a rich and innovative agricultural tradition and a favorite destination for those seeking a slice of country life in the rich Loess Hills of the Missouri Valley.

Working together, Kimmel Orchard & Vineyard and the Kimmel Education and Research Center build on tradition while serving as an important center for agricultural education, research and economic development. Make Kimmel your favorite destination for seasonal produce, cheerful gatherings of family and friends and your educational needs.



Preserving the 85 year history of the Kimmel Orchard & Vineyard has been the mission of the Kimmel Foundation since Richard and Laurine Kimmel created the Foundation in 1986. The Foundation, in partnership with the National Arbor Day Foundation and the University of Nebraska/ IANR, are working hand in hand to create an experience for individuals and families that is educational and entertaining. Our ultimate goals are to educate about alternative agriculture, historic preservation and provide a wholesome family experience. Today the Orchard & Vineyard and Kimmel Education Research Center continue to see the number of families and individuals visiting Kimmel grow.

I thank all the people who have visited Kimmel in the past and give a hearty welcome to our future guests. A couple of years ago a man with his two young sons somehow identified me. He walked up and told me his boys were the fourth generation to visit Kimmel, and it had moved to a whole new level. That and numerous other comments, make me feel like the Foundation's mission is having a positive impact. On behalf of all of our staff, National Arbor Day Foundation, University of Nebraska, IANR and the Kimmel Foundation Board of Directors, please enjoy this brochure and join us at Kimmel Orchard & Vineyard and Kimmel Education & Research Center.

Ernie Weyeneth,
President & CEO



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Visit Kimmel Orchard

Kimmel Orchard & Vineyard is located on Old Highway 75 about a mile northwest of Nebraska City. The home of Arbor Day and the Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City offers visitors a variety of historic and entertainment attractions in a friendly river town atmosphere.

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Fun, Family & Friends

Generations of families and friends have enjoyed Kimmel's wholesome country activities including rollicking hayrack rides, wild corn mazes and golden pumpkin harvests.

It's also a great place to learn a thing or two. Watch apples being sorted and pressed into cider in the Apple Barn. Work with faculty and staff at the Kimmel Education and Research Center to learn more about the importance of Nebraska's agricultural and natural resources.

Kimmel Orchard & Vineyard is a place where young and old alike can experience their agricultural heritage and rekindle connections to the land and to each other. It's a place where you get to know the folks who grow the apples and tend to the vineyards that bring farm fresh produce, wines and memorable homemade baked goods to your table.

You'll meet some of these fine folks along our 2.5-mile educational trail system open to hikers, shuttle tours and hayrack rides. On the trail, you can learn how to grow many orchard varieties or just linger at one of our picnic stops and savor the blossoms of spring, a sunny summer day or the reds and golds that paint the autumn orchard. Every time you visit there is something new to taste, explore or discover at Kimmel Orchard & Vineyard.

Join in the Harvest and Pick Your Own!

For those who want to experience the harvest first hand, Kimmel Orchard offers pick-your-own experiences in the strawberry and pumpkin patches and in our apple orchard. Visit our Apple Barn and we'll get you set to gather your own bountiful harvest!



Kimmel Orchard and Vineyard

Established in 1925
Nebraska City, Nebraska





Seasons at the Apple Barn

A familiar landmark along Old Highway 75, the Apple Barn welcomes visitors to savor the harvest season whether they wish to “pick their own” or choose from the wide variety of apples, cherries and other succulent produce in our market and gift shop.

The Apple Barn is abuzz year-round with seasonal activities to suit any age or group. From early summer to late fall, visitors are invited to watch the sorting and cider pressing or just relax with a home grown baked good at the Kimmel Kitchen.

Wine lovers raise a glass to our signature label that features nine grape varietals and our popular apple brews. A great place for reunions, holiday gatherings or any time of the year, the Apple Barn offers daily wine tastings and private wine gatherings to suit any taste or occasion.

And year-round there’s always our homegrown favorites—apple and cherry cider, grape and apple wine, jams, jellies, pies, apple doughnuts and caramel apples. The Apple Barn gift shop also features a variety of Nebraska-made products, including baskets, jewelry and wooden toys. We also have a large selection of Nebraska food products including honey, popcorn and barbecue sauce.

Harvest Seasons

The many varieties of produce offered by Kimmel Orchard & Vineyard begin with early crops like fresh strawberries and cherries. The later crops include crisp fall apples and bright pumpkins.

June strawberries usher in the harvest season at Kimmel. By the end of the month, the time honored cherry harvest is in full swing. Kimmel operates one of the region’s biggest cherry orchards and is renown for its pleasingly tart Montmorency variety, prized for pie baking. Sweet cherries are also ready for picking in late June as pitters and sorters go into action at the Apple Barn. The cherries go fast! If you want a taste of this time honored tradition, visit early and often during the two-week harvest. From late July into August a wide variety of peaches and plums spill into the Apple Barn, followed by crisp and juicy Asian pears in late August. From mid-July to November, the apple harvest signals a busy time at the orchard as more than twenty varieties are harvested for eating, pie baking or cider pressing.

Apples have been grown at Kimmel Orchard & Vineyard for more than 80 years. Today, the tradition of excellence and innovation continues as new varieties are tested and new ground is readied for another generation of apple lovers. From Lodi in mid-July to Winesap and Pink Lady in the late fall, there is an apple for every need and taste at Kimmel Orchard. Some of the apple varieties available at Kimmel and their harvest dates include:

- **July**—Lodi
- **August**—Early Gold, Paula Red and Zestar
- **September**—Gala, Golden Delicious, Honey Crisp, Jonagold, Jonathan, Ozark Gold, Red Delicious, Idared and Fuji
- **October**—Blushing Golden, Braeburn, Empire, Fuji, Idared, Pink Lady, Rome Beauty, Suncrisp and Winesap
- **November**—Pink Lady

The warm glow of the pumpkin harvest offers a backdrop to the busy autumn scene, as young and old alike eagerly gather up brightly colored gourds and ornamental corn near the old Kimmel homestead. The bounty of the orchard and vineyard is celebrated year-round in our wide selection of wines, preserves, pies, cider and other fruits of the harvest.

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University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension at the Kimmel Education and Research Center

The Kimmel Education and Research Center extends the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus into the heart of Southeast Nebraska where it supports economic development through extension education, research and collaboration.

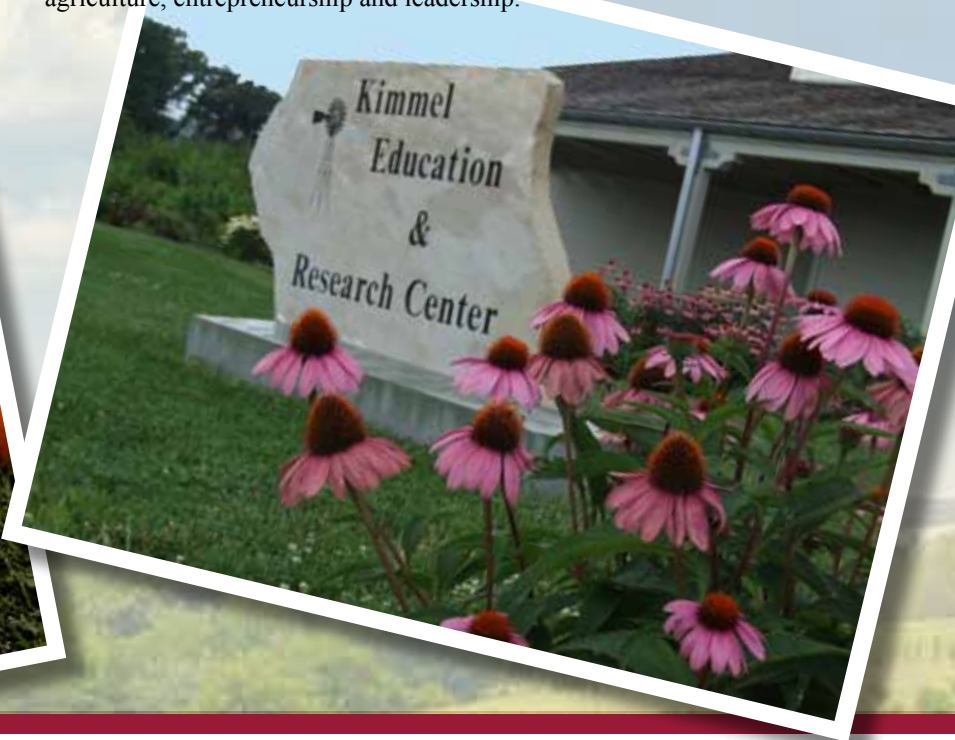
This regional teaching and research facility operates in the spirit of partnerships that began in 1925 when the Kimmel family worked with the University of Nebraska to study the value of alternative crops to the state’s economy. Today, the Kimmel Education & Research Center represents a unique collaboration between the Richard P. and Laurine Kimmel Charitable Foundation, the University of Nebraska and the Arbor Day Foundation.

The Kimmel Education and Research Center’s mission is to provide a total education experience by generating innovation through education, putting research into practice, leveraging resources through partnerships and developing young leaders.

Generating Innovation through Education

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension helps people prepare for the 21st century by providing lifelong learning opportunities, including workshops, conferences, seminars and distance learning classes. Experiential learning opportunities abound in indoor and outdoor classroom settings and through amenities and services that include:

- A State-of-the-Art Conference and Teaching Facility with flexible meeting and teaching spaces in a beautiful orchard setting.
- On-site Laboratories intended to support research and teaching by UNL faculty as well as assisting growers and producers interested in testing new crops or products.
- An Educational Trail System that winds through more than two miles of orchard and vineyard and features interpretive panels.
- An Outdoor Alternative Agriculture Classroom designed to inform visitors about a variety of value-added and alternative crops, including woody florals, cut flowers, fruits, nuts and much more!
- On-site Clientele Support and Expertise in alternative and value-added agriculture, entrepreneurship and leadership.



Putting Research into Practice

UNL Extension teaches research-based information to its clientele. This includes the best management practices with a focus on sustaining natural resources. At Kimmel, we also teach leadership skills and emphasize the importance of developing an entrepreneurial mindset that embraces change and innovation.

Developing Young Leaders

Youth development is important for the future of Nebraska. Faculty and staff at the Kimmel Education and Research Center partner with 4-H, schools and groups such as Future Farmers of America (FFA) to help young people strengthen their leadership abilities while developing their science, technology and life skills.

Leveraging Resources through Partnerships

Partnerships are the cornerstone of our success. Through its regional emphasis on economic and community development, the Kimmel Education and Research Center continuously cultivates relationships with land grant and community partners to develop and offer relevant, cutting-edge extension, teaching and research programs.



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